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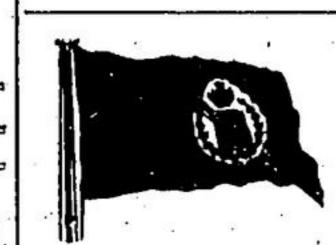
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The Pathers of our nation Have builded sure and strong Our broad and deep foundations Of valor, truth and song ; . They came while yet 'twas morn

They thronged the true and best They dured the dauntless west Our inlight shall melt the moun

tuine. : Our commerce glrd the sear, Our forests, fields and fountains Give music to the breeze. Haro Scotland's purple thistle With England's ruse shall stand, The fleur-de-lie shall listen To the harp of Ireland.

Or thundering steel-girt host, Hyord-clang or war-drum's rattle Disturb our peaceful coast. The bulwarks of our own land God and the right shall be Of power and liberty.

Never may blight of battle

Bulld then a flaming altar And with its excred fire
Of love and praise exalt her,
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Oh happy Consummation, Oh Doetiny subline, To be a righteous nation, The standard for all time.

Belect Jamily Reading

-Albert D. Watson, Toronto

Patsy

ing bureau of a Holping Hand Aid Boolety. Patay appeared at the bureau one coldandenowy millwintermorning. He lad, and did much to make the tonewas so small that only life two shining blue eyes and his freekled pug nose were visible at the little opening in the door of the room to which I sat. A ragged onp rested lightly on the back | cheeks. of his curly red head. Eight dirty little fingers clutched at the shelf in front of the window, and I knew that Patey was standing on his tiptoes.

norning in the bureau, and I felt a little cross; but no one could feel cross tong in the light of Patay's langhing sight! oyes, so I said pleasantly : "Well, what do you want, little fol

"Is it here ye give things !" he said. Conveniences "Yes, we do have things to give way cometimes. What do you want P "Sure. I do be wantin' more thin

nothing but rage and patches. His together, a dejected but not entirely with that order!" stocking had holes in them, and his hopeless-looking pair. Mrs. Noonan Pluck and level head -efficient pair! shoes were on the point of dissolution. "Where do you live?" "In Finney's coor-ret, cor."

I know the locality. Only the poorst of the poor lived there.

"What is your name?" "Patey Noonan." "Have you a father ?" "Yes, sor,"

"Is he at work P" "He is, sor-on the Islan"."

Putay's father. 'On "the Island" were | hand and said : the city's reformatory institutions, and if Mr. Noonan was there it was not necessary to embarase Patey by presing him for further details, so I said: "And have you a mother, too?" "Indade I have." "What does she do P".

"She's duln' tolme on the felan' along wid me father, now, cor.' planter cast of Peter Cooper which three mont's." stood upon the mantel. I told him of Mr. Cooper's kindness to the poor. "He looks it, sor," said Patsy. "It's Islan'. not the likes of him would be afther

Pandora Ranges doln' time on the Islan', I'm thinkin'." said. "No," said I. "If all men and Repairing neatly and promptwomen were as good as he was the Island could be used for better pur-[sland yourself, my boy." "I hates the lulan"," was all he

> father and mother are away ?" "I shitay wid me gran'mother, sor. t's she that owns the fruit-shtand fornist the bridge, between Kelly's

> saloon and the post-office, I sells papers an' such lolke. Barrin' the coal an' the rint, sor, I'd not be comin' here at all, at all. I'll not be ufther comin again, I don't think," But he did como again about six

"Who is the grape for, Patey ?" "Me gran'mother. It's wan wake | An Irish oustoms officer asked ! this day she's dead." His tilus eyes filled with tears and cover! ble lips trembled, as lie added t "Bbe was the best friend I iver had, granny was. She piver bate me in me folle an' to pay fluty to that !"

ahe's saved me manny a batin' from me father an' mithen"

"Have your father and your mother come home yet?" "No, oor, they bees on the Islan shtill. Their tolme is out in two wakes, an' it's that I'd be shpakin' wid you about."

"What can I do for you or for them, Patev?" "Well, it's loke this sor: Whin they wint to the Jelan' there was a' mont's rint due, kn' ivery sthick av foorniture | culation. was sowld out av the tinnymint, an'it's . some wan cleer but there's me gran'mother's thanymint, wid do rint on it paid for a mont' to come; but we had to have most of the fooniture go to

pay for defun'ral, which was wan she'd no call to be ashamed of, sor. There's three rooms in the tinnymint, an't the cook-stove and a chair or two is laft, an I t'ought, sor, I t'ought" - he heeltsted and I said : "What did you think, Patey P" . "I Vought If I could foorniels the linnymint up a bit more an' make it

clane an' shwate, lolke, me father an

inother would have some place to come to whin they lave the Islan', an' thin, niebbe, they'd thry to kape off the "So they might, Patsy, and they must have some place to go when they

come back to the city." "If they don't, they'll soon he back to the Islan'," said Patsy, stroking his finger and his bead in solemn affirmation, and emphasizing the statement by adding :

"Mark that, sor. An' so I tought 'd get the tinnymint ready against the tolme they'll nade it. I'm goln' to take me gran'mother's place at the fruithtand an' sell papere, too; an' if you know anny way to help out a bit wid fooralebla metinnymint I'd be obliged,

It happened that there was a quantity of very good second-hand furniture in the distributing department of the Helping Hand. I made Patey's case known to the society, and was given Y acquaintance with Patey permission to use anything appearany began at the time when I in refurnishing his grandmother's dehad charge of the distribut- pleted tenement. Some of the young ladies belonging to the society became interested in the warm-hearted frish ment nest and attractive.

Patey's delight knew no bounds His laughing eyes grow brighter and brighter, the color came back to his "Sure, they'll think this is better

than the Islan'," he said, as he walked from one to the other of the clean and comfottably furnished little rooms. Affaire had been going wrong all the "Coortains to the winder! An" rockin'-olisir wid a cushion in it! An' a cloth on the table! It's out o'

He blackened the cook-stove himself until it shone as brightly as a stove could shine, and he scrubbed the kitchen floor over and over again. At last the day came when Mr. and

Mrs. Noonan were again free. I went | blank. down to the wharf with Patey to meet come in. He did so without any sign anxious to see if there was anything in train. of embarrasment, and yet his manner their appearance to strengthen the "It was risking too much," said Me had evidently been quite a pretty girl, and even the bard life she had led had | many a peril.

not deprived her entirely of her good looks. Mr. Noonan's blue eyes had a twinkle in them like Patey's, and he had a remarkably youthful appearance. Patsy ran forward eagerly. "Mother! father!" he eried. They year or two ago:

hardly knew him in his neat new I needed no further information re- said, and it pleased me to see that she ly. None of us have been abroad be- Kelly, 2nd b. ; White, c. ; Kenney, p. ;

Patey, with a note of represent in his

voice. Their three months on the od by a young girl, who, with her ation match for the season. They de-"It's learned me wan thing," said Mr. Nooman. "It's learned me that a beauty, nor talent, nor charm. But were induced to go to the game on ac-Patsy's eyes caught sight of a little dhrop av the crather have I had in

"Nor I," said Mrs. Noonan, "an' I've said good-by for good and all to the Ignore her. We went to St. Peter's to roe, Mich., who left .Acton two or "And to whiskoy, too, I hope,"

over the little tenement was count to "We didn't know where we'd shiape

he shall have."

A better mother he did have, and a society kept watch and ward over the tombe peopled by the gliosts of ancient | National Engineer is a perfect, little tenement and its occupants. There were times when the old evil influences tried to make themselves felt. note of warning to the ecclety. He

ng plank on his return from Europe | actors on the stage. he had a hundkerchief over his eye. "Why have you your eye under "There's a bit of cont in it."

A PERILIOUS EXPERIENCE.

"Mr. Osgood wishes to see Miss The girl rose from her typewriter and entered the private office of the

start for Mexico?" was the abrupt the 21th. The look of astonishment on Katharine Lindsay's face was instantly fol- Place. lowed by one betokening mental cal-

"In two hours," Mexico at ohce. . The matter le prgent. You are the only one in our employ who speaks Spanish, and you have had our correspondence long enough to know the workings of the business. Moreover, you have pluck, fact and a level head, and those are what we need. One thing I wish to impress upon you-you must get the order you

cough, and the following morning found her exhausted after having passod an almost sleepless night. Never-

theless, she set about business at once. In three days' time she could not soo that she had made any gain with Signor de Mondoga. Meanwhile her iliness increased, and a Mexican physiclan gave her no relief. She grew Thornbury Nows. desperately homeslok and longed to take the first east bound train. Baptist Churches of Acton and George-

as her errand should be accomplished pronths. she would make her way instantly She was sure that in her present con- fire. dition she could not endure the jour-

On the seventh morning of her stay she was alarmed by an overpowering realization of the instant necessity of her mind was bright, her manner as pleasing, her tongue as tactful as ever. factory and when she left the office of Bigner

omployer, and inside of an

After thirty-six hours of distressing travelling, she was set down among the green alfaifa-fields of Blue River Valley, scarcely able to stand. At the hosp tal she told horself. "I will write mother in the morning!" but the mor row and the week following were

When she came to consclousness he ye'll be givin' away," he replied, with them when the city heat should arrive | mother and elster were at her bedelde his eyes twinkling. "I want all thim from the Island. Patsy, neat and cloan, Her luggage had been searched, Mr. Vanderbilts has, but if ye could lave in a suit from the relief department of Osgood's address found, and a teleme have a pair of breeches the day, the Helping Hand, could hardly wait gram; stating that Katharine Lindsor, melike I could wait a bit for the for the gang plank to be putdown. His way was lying in a precarious condition father and mother were the first to from pneumonia, had brought her I opened the door and told him to cross it. I was anxious to see them - friends to Arizona on the first through

A GIRL'S POLLY.

The following is a genuine extract

alre to show off.

"I try not to see her, but it is impos- of Attnas. albie to be blind or deef to ber, or to

"I wont to the little elroular chamber spring among friends in Georgetown poses. See to it that you keep off the this night," said Mrs. Noonan, "an' to where the Apollo Belvidere stands Guelph, Toronto, Acton and vicinity, think that-but Patay know. Arral, slone, to study this highest expression left last week for friends at Dr. Wal-Patsy I" she said, turning suddenly to of the pagen conception of divinity, tor's, Mountain Home, Penn, and the boy, and hugging him to her and there, before its white, awful Youngstown, Ohlo, "How do you get along while your breast, "He deserves a better mother beauty stood Miss Blank, posing and than I've iver been, an's bettermother giggling for the benefit of two contemptuous Italian officers.

ing in the world so beautiful or so sub- of course means magazines when he fatal disease to prolong life, but keep lime as to make her forget for one says "broke." moment her allly little self."

you obvarien them."

TWENTY YEARS AGO. Retrospective Perspective-Our News Columns of May Bi, 1888.

Mr. Ass Hall is building an addition to his house on Main St. The Salvation Army held a pic-nic in Mr. Thomas C. Moore's grove on The foundations for several new

houses are being laid in Lakeview Capt, Keetoh and Lleut, Glasse, of the Salvation Army, farewelled here

last ovening. "I will give you until to-night," said . The. new dwelling of Mr. J. A the prevident, with a suffe. "The Speight on Willow St., Is nearing comfact is, we must have somebody in pletion. Another similar to it will be prected on the vacant lot above during

the simmer. The laterior of St. Alban's Church is being ronainted and decorated. The Cemetery caretaker should prohibit any further removal of sods from Fairview Avenue, the street at the

entrance to the Cemetery. On Sunday evening, 20th, as Mr. H. Donny was driving into his larn after, church his horse ran away On the night of her arrival at the goross the fields and through a pair of city of her destination Katharine was hars. The carriage, a comparatively very careful not to encourage idleness auddenly selzed with a distressing new one, will not be worth repairing Mr. John Bennott has taken possession of the Thompson House, Milton. There never has been a better hotelkeeper in Acton than Mr. Bennett.

On Arlor Day 900 trees were planted in the village of Acton. Acton is beautiful place, and it is the trees tha make it such to a large extent.

Then she would elinely her teeth, and town, has tendered his resignation. Rev. Mr. Walton, eyangelist, who Another three days left her greatly againted at special services here last prostrated. She decided that as soon | winter, will fill the vacancy for four

to the nearest hospital. It was in Pelneinal of Rockwood Academy, has Arlzons, six hundred miles away. lost his residence near Fenwick, by

proached at the anniversary services in the Methodist Church, last Sunday. His sermons were able, impressive and appropriate. His expositions of the reading lessons were lengthy, but so forcing the Mexican to a favorable clear and interesting that marked atdecision. Although weak in body, tention was paid throughout. Audiences were large, and collection satis

> piper for the 20th Batt., Lorne Riffes, opened with bagpine selections. Races were quite amusing. Potato race .-Geo. Storey, jr., Thos. Storey, jr., and Donald McGregor, won prizes in the order named. Smoking race. - Alex. Waldle, jr., A. Kannawin and John Locker. Egg race,-II. Wallace, jr., Matthew Job and J. A. Taylor. Other begun and ended, and the fidelity be games were participated in. Music maintained, in the solltary heart. was furnished by violins and organ.

except in one seigure of IN loaves | many moving to and fro in the white

two hase ball and one Iscrosse - who ing and the reaping of two or three with the hope of winning in their Stuart,

teresting, and was given great atten-

"There are six of us, all teachers, tion, notwithstanding the intense Acton Players. - Warner, c. f. "Well, well, me son, ye alot forgot we begradge every minute in our ers .-- I. Francis, Acton; C. Patterson,

> she is possessed with an insatiable de- count of the large crowd of spectators' gathered. Score 4 to 1 in favor of

> > Our esteemed friend, Miss Jennie Steele, who has passed the winter and

HE WANTED IT STOPPED. Some one has said that stopping

the national Engineer I have Bin re-We copy these severe comments be- celving them Books, . i do Not Wish taking our delicious cod liver and Iron cause Miss Blank's offence is unfortun- them So Please do not send any more preparation without oil, made by a ately too common among even sensible' I have Send them all Back, as I am scientific, extractive and concentrat-

do It. t Wish no more Books.

MAY.

Across the world the tides of romance Have borne again white cloud feets of the May ! All round their poin the gulleless children dance-

Close not the . windows of your heart to-day ! Close not the chambers of remembered dreams; Seal not the gardens where love

bloomed of old. Hat open to the crooning foreststratms . Where Spring has touched her wildwood harp of gold.

The minest's kies will orinison every The locust bude have claimed each . . roving two Close ubt your beart to-day, for no one knows

What May will bring of hope and -A. White, in The Canadian Maga-

TOO SUSPICIOUS. The Boston Globe prints a story which it says used to be told by sman, now decemed, who seted as visitor smong the poor for a charitable assoor hypocrisy, and of course he was al-

ways on his guard. He says : I was assigned to visit the house of a woman who said that she had no husson or other male support. After being in her tenement long enough to note that she was apparently poor, I noticed a man's hat on a table near the door, and began to doubt whether she was bereft of all male comfort or support, as she had represented.

"Whose hat lathat?" I asked. She looked surprised, and did not seem ready to answer. My suspicions were naturally increased, and my imagination conjured up a male visitor who must have passed into the adjoining apartment when he heard me coming up-stairs, leaving his hat as an unthought of witness.

cannot authorize relief went to you if you are deceiving us in wigard to male support, or if you have men coming here whose presence you are salamed to acknowledge. Now, I ask you sgain, whose hat is that ?" "Why, sir," she answered, with an

"Madam," I said, with severity.

expression of injury and surprise, "len't that your own hat that you left there as you came in?" It was my turn to be surprised, and backing out of my predicament as

gracefully as I could, I promised to soud her the help she needed.

GENS OF THOUGHT. The true test of character is where what is born or done must remain unknown, where the struggle must be

Ephraine Peabody. A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he Quelph bakers have been furnishing who plants kindness gathers love: begets roward.—Basil. It seems to me that there are so

such a crowd hanging about atill wait-On the evening of the 21th, none of lng for the ripe corn to mature, that the three teams of Acton's athletics - not a few of us may do our own reapstarted out in the morning exuberant others if we will. - Rev. J. George respective contests, could be found | Do not be troubled because you have spears of grass where he made one

EASY, YET HARD. The morehant was booking an order for a customer whose name he had entirely forgotton. He tried to get the name without betraying binuelf, and

made a mess of it, as is usual in such

your name the casy way, don't you?, "Yos," roplied the quatonier. "I suppose it seems easy to most people, but it's really Hard." This did not help the merchant any.

"Let me see," he said. "You spell

"I beg your pardon," he confessed, "but I shall have to ask you how to spell it." "Oh, it's quite casy to spell." "But didn't you say a moment ago hat it was hard ?"

"Yes; and so it is. But it's easy.

"How do you make that out?" "Because it's Hard-II.a.r.d." HOW TO PROLONG LIFE.

Advice of the Beloved Poet, Dr. Oli-

ver Wendell Holmes.

If there is one desire more strongly luplanted in the human breast than another as we reach maturer years, that desire is to prolong life. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes when asked how to live long replied : "Get a fatal disease and then take care of yourself." We want to say to the people of

Acton who are reaching maturer years the digestive organs in good condition, and the bodily tissues from wasting by combining with pentonate-of-iron all

Mr. Joseph Banks, of Decatur. Ill. There are bundreds of old people in

"How soon can you be ready to

are sent to obtain! At five o'clock your instructions shall be ready."

resolve to fight it out to the end. an' I'd pay it all back whin I could."

noy to her own home sorous the

in the joy that the caveted order was f hers. A telegram of half a dozen words carried the glad news to her Katharine had bidden good-bye to Mexico and was on her way north-

was not bold. His need of "breeches" hope I had of their final reformation. Osgood, shaking his head at Katharwas evident. Those he had on were They came down the gang plank inc. "Novertheless, we are delighted

They will carry one safely through

We joined a party of tourists, as we heat. Score, Acton 14; Oakville 26. "Why, Patsy, bye!" his mother are forced to count the farthings close. garding the character or copupation of kissed him. His father took Patsy's fore or expect ever to come again, and Storey, fat h.; Smith, Srd b.; Cook, r. as we have but four weeks on this side. f. ; Boll, l. f.; McTavish, a. s. Scor-

> up invaluable memories for the future. I enother, belongs to the party. She is a murred on finding that the Ætnas commonplace person, with neither | team contained five outside men, but

hear the great Georgian chants, which three years ago, is visiting at his are sung by the choir of the Vatican parental home. Many friends wel-"I have indude, sor." Their delight but once a year. Miss Blank, kept up come bim back. a shrill whisper during the entire ser-

found out. A wise old Soutchman says, "Gin your wares are good, dinna "Ab, bringing in-coal ! You'll have ory them in the market too loudly or

Rov. S. J. Cunnings, pastor of the

Rov. Wm. Watherald, at one time

Rev. Robt. Royle, of Brampton,

Bloomsbury pic-nic on the 2ith was de Mendoza she almost forgot her pain largely attended. Mr. Geo. Douglas

> and romarkable whistling by Mr. Welsh, of Hamilton. nice light bread. The Chief of Police | pleasure bestowed upon a grateful recently raided five baker's rige and mind was never sterile, but generally the owners lost 51-loaves is the search. The shrinkage was I to 8 oz. per losf.

> which ran from 1 to 41 ox. per 4 1b. harvest fields, professedly sowing, and

unxious to talk of the victories of the no great virtues. God made a million The junior base ballists played here tree. The earth is fringed and carpetwith the "Bellwoods" of Toronto, a ed, not with forests, but with grasses. game, being worstedin a score of 7 to 0. Only have enough of the little virtues At Milton, the Pastimes played with and common fidelities, and you need the Stare, of Oakville, the first match not mourn because you are neither a from a letter written by a Western for the silver cup, given by the Milton hero nor a saint,-II. W. Beecher. teacher while travelling in Europe a Brass Band. The game was very in-

sugerness to see and hear, and to store Oakville. Umpire, J. Mowat, Milton The Orescent Lacrosse team went to "Weare greatly hindered and annay- Georgetown to play the first associ-

Mr. C. W. Hill, photo artist, Mon-

"We drove through the vast solitude paper is the hardest thing in the better father, too. The Helping Hand of the Campagna, with its rules and world. The following letter to the Rome, and Miss Blank during the en- somewhat liliterate, expression of the tire way talked of the gown and hat irritation which the subscriber feels she wore, almpering and chattering to who does not want to be a subscriber if you feel you are not as strong as compel our admiration. There is nothe any longer. The writer of the letter you used to be you need not get a

girls. It is not always due to vanity. Not the man there is more Shepherds ing process from fresh cod's livers, but to an eager, almost pathetic, than me So I will Send then Back I do entrance of a stranger become affected, Back I do not Want any Books I re- in his seventy-eighth year says that When he was coming down the giggle and talk shrilly, like lil-trained colved these Books in in. 4 ave a year owing to Vinol he feels stronger and If a girl has merit or charm, appre- Send thein till Now the Shepherd you clation will surely come to her. Let mean to not me where I live there is this violalty who need just such a her wait for them to be sought and three in the same St I am no Engineer strength maker and tissue builder as So Please Send no More Books the

Bhepherds are not alike ... Our oner to return money man sale with the work with the work of the sale with the work of the sale with the work of the sale with the work of the work of the sale with the work of t Druggist, Acton:

Vinol, and we ask them to try is on

Muskoka weeks later. I was alone again when was a stanch and faithful little soldier This Summer is be appeared at the little opening in the for the right bluself, and to him, more by the Lake Shore door. Instead of the cap, he wore a then to any one else, was due the final "Canadian Gem" Turnip atiff black hat, probably found in some Expresses of the reformation of Mr. and Mrs. Noonan. refuse barrel. There was a band of Canadian Northcoarse black crape around the crown ern Ontario Rail- of the list, and his eyes were not quite Speltz DUTIABLE GOODS. Write for booklets | so bright us they had been before. At a hanquet of the American Irish lunger for admiration and love. Such not live at 1024, ave albany i did live the medicinal, healing, body-building Historical Society in New York not girls are sometimes quiet and natural thear. But I moved 2 years ago. But Red and Alsike Clover and "Well, Patsy," I said, "you have the Maganetawan, and the best been having trouble, haven't you?" long ago the chalman told a story in their manner at home, but at the | am not the man So ! will Send them Timothy. Fancy Grades. country in six provinces for began smoothing out the crape with "Yis, sor." He took off his hat and apropos of the noal situation.